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TOWN OF

CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31,

1924

The Oldest Bank in Derry

Incorporated in 1863 as the successor of the old Derry Bank which was founded in 1828, the Derry National Bank has enjoyed 60 years of prosperity as shown by its having paid 119 consecutive semi-annual dividends. A sure proof of competent management and of the confidence and trust of its patrons in Derry and surrounding towns.

Derry : National : Bank

F. J. SHEPARD, Pres. J. B. BARTLETT, Cashier

Savings :: Security

WITH total deposits of $180,000.00 and Surplus of Assets over Liabilities of $30,000.00 the **Derry Savings Bank**, associated with the Derry National Bank, serves as a safe place to deposit your money. It will pay you liberal interest and your money is payable on demand without deductions. For the last three years, interest has been paid at the rate of 4%.

DERRY SAVINGS BANK

V. H. MOODY, Pres. F. J. SHEPARD, Treas.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

NATHAN W. GOLDSMITH

Town Clerk

CYRUS F. MARSTON

Selectmen

HERBERT W. RAY ROGER P. EDWARDS

CLARENCE A WETHERBEE

Overseer of the Poor

CLARENCE A. WETHERBEE

Town Treasurer

JOHN M. WEBSTER

Collector of Taxes

NATHAN W. GOLDSMITH

School Board

MARY W. GOLDSMITH WALTER P. TENNEY

SILAS N. ADAMS

School District Treasurer

EMMA M. MOORE

Representative

WALTER P. TENNEY

Police Officer

W. W. LANE

Supervisors of Check List

JOHN D. FISKE EDWIN P. JONES

LEON I. RICHARDSON

Health Officer

WALTER I. MARTIN

Trustees of Trust Funds

CYRUS F. MARSTON JOHN M. WEBSTER

MARTIN MILLS

Library Trustees

LEROY D. MORSE JOHN C. RAMSDELL

SARAH P. WEBSTER

Cemetery Trustees

JOHN D. FISKE CLARENCE O. MORSE

ROBERT H. HAZELTON

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

(L.S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said town of Chester, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 35 of the laws of 1905, and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase books for the Public Library.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the running expenses of the Public Library.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of the soldiers graves.

8. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 117, Laws of 1917, on a section of

the Derry-Raymond road, so-called, and appropriate, or set aside from the amount raised for highway work, the sum of $350.00 for this purpose.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise $846.00 for a Tunk Line aid and if trunk line aid is desired, there must be raised and set aside the sum of $846.00 (Chapter 155, Laws of 1909, or Chapters 158, 162 or 168 Laws of 1913, or Chapters 51 or 93, Laws of 1915, or Chapters 162 or 224, Laws of 1917, or Chapter 118 Laws of 1919.

10. To see what the town will do in regard to building State road and repairing the same already built.

11. To see what the town will do towards the suppression of the insects on shade trees, and the control of the white pine blister rust, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

12. To see if the town will vote to build the Derry Raymond road when ready to complete by the original lay out by Edith K. Hill farm or by the way of Ben Adams Farm and Beaver Lake.

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 to repair the Manchester road beginning at State Road to the Auburn line.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap propriate a sum of money to build a new cement bridge or bridges where needed.

15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to install a Pay station Tel. in the Stevens Hall for the use of the Public and Selectmen.

16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a stone crusher.

17. To see if the Town will vote to repair the highway leading from Goldsmith's corner to the top

of Wilson hill. And to raise and appropriate the sum of $300 for the same.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for street lights.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to remove a certain part of the ledge near the top of the winding hill so-called on the Candia road.

20. To see what action the town will take regarding the publication of the "New History of Chester," and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

21. To see if the Town will vote to extend the Electric Lights to the Auburn line or as far as subscribers may warrant.

22. To choose agents or committees in relation to any article embraced in this warrant.

23. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

HERBERT W. RAY,
ROGER P. EDWARDS,
CLARENCE A. WETHERBEE.
Selectmen of Chester.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

HERBERT W. RAY,
ROGER P. EDWARDS,
CLARENCE A. WETHERBEE.
Selectmen of Chester.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 31, of the Previous Year, January 31

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue previous year, 1923
FROM STATE:	
Railroad Tax	$ 72.85
Savings Bank Tax	1,639.08
For Highways	958.06
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES	
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses	10.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	214.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	47.00
Cash Balance from Last Year 1922	2,073.60
Cemetery Trust Funds	450.00
FROM POLL TAXES	1,131.00
National Bank Stock	35.00
Dog Tax	255.30
Automobile Permits	823.67
Three Special Poll Tax	15.00
Balance 1923 Poll Tax	12,238.21
Balance 1922 Poll Tax	3,339.39
H. W. Ray, Old Gates Sold	5.00
Revenue Applicable Only to New Construction and Improvements:	
Rockingham County	55 00
TOTAL REVENUES	$23,362.16

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1924 to January 31, 1925. Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures 1923, to January 31, 1924.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures previous year	Estimated Expenditures previous year
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$770.67	$800.00
Town Officers' Expenses.....	84.22	85.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	590.41	800.00
Protection of Persons, Old Town "	28.78	.....
Police Department	29.32	25.00
Fire Department	6 00	.....
Moth Extermination, Pine Blister	250.00	200.00
Health:		
Wiring Old Town Hall and Library	60 92	.....
Heath Department.....	35.00	35.00
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Maintenance		
State's Contribution	732.90	600.00
Town's Contribution	732.91	600.00
Trunk Line Maintenance:		
State's Contribution.....	235.45	350.00
Town's Contribution.....	235.45	350.00
Town Maintenance.....	2,085.28	3,500.00
Street Lighting.....	951.19	500.00
General Expense of Snow Dept...	63.00	.....
Education:		
Wiggin Settlement.....	113.73	....
Libraries	175.00	200.00
Charities.		
County Poor	55.00	
Town Poor	571.84	500.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	50.00	50.00
Recreation:		
Town Hearse	40.00	
Parks and Playgrounds	14.00	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Discount	248.64	
Cemeteries	13.00	
Printing	229.60	200.00
Interest:		
Miscellaneous	118.52	100·00
On Temporary Loans	1,700.00	
Abatements	207.60	
On Long Term Notes. Interest on Note	85.00	
On Principal of Trust Funds Used by Town	63.32	75.00
Indebtedness:		
Payments to Sinking Funds: 1922-1923		
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Poll Tax	1,226 00	
State Taxes	1,426.00	
County Taxes	1,722 39	
Payments to School Districts	6,287.88	
Total Expenditures	$21,239.02	

INVENTORY APRIL 1st 1923.

377 Polls	
181 Horses	$15,290.00
2 Mules	125.00
2 Oxen	200.00
245 Cows	9,900.00
16 Neat Stock	500.00
25 Sheep	84.00
2 Hogs	25.00
5340 Fowls	6,675.00
2 Goats	25.00
Portable Mills	1,100.00
Wood and Lumber	8,873.00
Money on hand	3,603.00
Stock in trade	9,800.00
Mills and Machinery	2,800.00
Real Estate	515,210.00
Total	$574,210.00

APPROPRIATIONS 1923

And Total Amount Raised for Taxation

Art. 1.	Voted to raise and appropriate, for ordinary Town Charges,	$ 1.00
Art. 3.	Voted to raise and appropriate, for Highways, Repairs	2000.00
Art. 5.	Voted to raise and appropriate, for Books for Public Library	100.00
Art. 6.	Voted to raise and appropriate, for running expenses of the Public Library	75.00
Art. 7.	Voted to raise and appropriate, for Decoration of Soldiers' Graves	50.00
Art. 8.	Voted to raise and Appropriate to finishing the state road begun last year, and other state road already built.	400.00

Art. 9.	To accept the provisions of Chap. 117, Laws of 1917—Voted to set aside out of Highway money, already raised. To be used on the section of the Derry-Chester line 300.00	
Art. 10.	Voted to raise and appropriate, for a Trunk line aid on Derry-Raymond line	894.00
Art. 11.	Voted to raise and appropriate for Repair of State Road already built	500.00
Art. 12.	Insects and Pine Tree Blister, left to Selectmen	
Art. 13.	Electric lights—Derry Electric Co.	600.00
Art. 15.	Voted to raise and appropriate for heating plant in Stevens Memorial Hall, to heat the hall in a satisfactory manner	265.00
		$4,885.00
State Tax		1426.00
County Tax		1,722.39
Amount raised for Schools		6,114.00
Total amount raised by taxation with overlay added		14,703.00
Rate per cent of Taxation for all purposes		$2.60

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TOWN

For the Year Ending January 31, 1924.

ASSETS

Balance due on 1923 tax list	$3,177.93
Cash in hands Town treasurer	2,123.14
	$5,301.07

LIABILITIES

Town Notes	
George W. Stevens, Library fund	$ 339.80
Sarah U. Lane, cemetery fund	200.00
Albert Knippe, Cemetery Fund	100.00
John West, Cemetery fund	50.00
Joseph Knowles, Cemetery fund	100.00
Robert Knowles, Cemetery fund	100.00
John W. West, Cemetery fund	50.00
Elizabeth I. Kent, Cemetery fund	100.00
Page Reed Smith, Cemetery fund	80.00
Sally Lovering Sleeper, Cemetery fund	40.00
Joseph Dane, Cemetery fund	50.00
Mary E. Bean, Cemetery fund	50.00
John S. Emery Cemetery fund	100.00
George Wells, Cemetery fund	100.00
Amos Green, Cemetery fund	100.00
Charles H. Green, Cemetery fund	100.00
Silas F. Learnard, Cemetery fund	100.00
Samuel S. Warren, Cemetery fund	50.00
Moses S. Pingree, Cemetery fund	100.00
Mark Sanborn, Cemetery fund	50.00
Herbert W. Robie	50.00
Daniel Bell, Cemetery fund	100.00
Amount in town treasury set apart for Trunk line construction	1,744.00
State Aid Maintenance	20.49
Town Road Maintenance	78.53
	$ 3,952.82
Balance in favor of the Town	1,348.25
	$ 5,301.07

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS

By—

Cash balance from last year	$2,073.60
Tax Collector, balance 1922 taxes	3,339.39
Tax Collector, interest 1922 taxes	47.00
3 Poll taxes added 1922 taxes	15.00
Town Clerk, automobile permits	823.67
Town Clerk, dog license fees	255.30
State Treasurer, Highway department	958.06
State Treasurer, railroad tax	72.85
State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax	1,639.08
Derry Nat. Bank, tax on 35 shares stock	35.00
Silas F. Learnard, cemetery fund	100.00
Samuel S. Warren, cemetery fund	50.00
Moses S. Pingree, cemetery fund	100.00
Mark Sanborn, cemetery fund	50.00
Herbert W. Robie, cemetery fund	50.00
Daniel Bell, cemetery fund	100.00
H. W. Ray, old gates sold	5.00
Two junk dealers license fees	10.00
Rockingham County Treasurer	55.00
James A. Edwards, 1922, Old Hall	22.50
Tax Collector, on 1923 tax list	13,369.21
W. W. Lane, janitor use of halls	191.50
	$23,362.16

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's orders No. 201 to 372 both numbers inclusive	$20,612.18
Overseer of the Poor, orders No. 1 to No. 20, both numbers inclusive	626.84
Cash balance in treasury	2,123.14
	$23,362.16

JOHN M. WEBSTER,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Chester, N. H. February 13th, 1924.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the accounts of John M. Webster, Town Treasurer for the year ending January 31st, 1924, and find them correctly cast and sustained with satisfactory vouchers and there remains in his hands at the close of the fiscal year $2,123.14.

G. E. GILLINGHAM,
WALTER I. MARTIN,
JOHN H. ROBIE.

Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS

By cash balance from last year	$ 2,073.60
Tax Collector balance 1922 taxes	3,339.39
Tax Collector interest 1922 taxes	47.00
3 Poll Taxes added 1922 taxes	15.00
Town Clerk, automobile permits	823.67
Town Clerk, dog license fees	255.30
State Treasurer, highway dept.	958.06
State Treasurer, railroad tax	72.85
State Treasurer, Savings bank tax	1,639.08
Derry Nat. Bank tax on 35 shares stock	35.00
Silas F. Learnard, cemetery fund	100.00
Samuel S. Warren, cemetery fund	50.00
Moses S. Pingree, cemetery fund	100.00
Mark Sanborn, cemetery fund	50.00
Herbert W. Robie, cemetery funl	50.00
Daniel Bell, cemetery fund	100.00
H. W. Ray, old gates sold	5.00
Two junk dealers' license fees	10.00
Rockingham County Treasurer	55.00
James A. Edwards, 1922 old hall	22.50
Tax Collector on 1923 tax list	13,369.21
W. W. Lane, janitor use of halls	191.50
	$23,362.16

PAYMENTS.

Current Maintenance Expenses

Paid—

Town officers' salaries	$ 770.67
Town officers' expenses	84.22
Expense of Town halls	590.41
Police protection of persons and property	29.32
Fire department	6.00
White Pine Blister rust	250.00

Paid—

Rebounding chimney old town hall	28.78
Health department	35.00
Wiring old town hall and public libraries	60.92
State Aid Maintenance	1,465.81
Trunk line maintenance	470.90
Highway and Bridges	2,085.28
Snow bills	951.19
Final Payment 200th celebration	113.73
Running town lines	63.00
Libraries	175.00
	$6,932.73
Memorial day	50.00
Parks and playgrounds	14.00
Cemeteries	13.00
Care and attendance hearse	40.00
Taxes abated	207.60
Printing	229.60
Interest	148.32
Discount on taxes	248.64
Miscellaneous	118.52
W. N. Colby, note	1,700.00
1923 Poll tax to State	468.00
State tax	1,426.00
1922 Poll tax to State	758.00
County tax	1,722.39
Payments to schools	6,287.88
Town poor	626.84
Total	$21,239.02

HIGHWAY

Paid—

W. B. Wason, No. 8	$102.96
W. N. Colby, No. 2	129.32
C. H. Smith, No. 4	163.11

Paid—

Leroy D. Morse, No. 1	138.21
E. A. Towle, No. 9	87.00
W. T. Owen, No. 5	175.25
Geo. A. Cammett, No. 10	111.05
Geo. L. Noyes, No. 7	195.74
W. R. Stowe, No. 6	255.15
Harry C. Edwards, No. 3	195.53
Total	$1,553.32

Highways and Bridges.

Paid—

Geo. E. Gillingham, plank	$ 14.74
W. W. Lane, repairing scraper	1.50
H. W. Ray, freight on culvert	8.00
E. W. Nye, plank	11.23
North East Culvert Co., pipe	214.68
W. B. Wason, plank	24.60
C. H. Smith, plank	6.37
A. H. Wilcomb, road sup.	5.59
R. P. Edwards, housing road machine etc.	1.50
W. B. Wason, repairing Branch bridge	243.85
Total	$532.06

Snow

Paid—

G. L. Fitts	$ 76.29
Leroy D. Morse	12.24
W. B. Wason	95.99
W. N. Colby	178.21
Geo. L. Noyes	83.79
Harry C. Edwards	106.81
W. R. Stowe	108.91
W. T. Owen	110.54
C. H. Smith	50.76

Paid—

E. A. Towle	65.65
G. A. Cammett	47.73
J. H. Robie	14.27
Total	$951.19

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Paid—

Herbert W. Ray	$175.00
Roger P. Edwards	135.00
Clarence A. Wetherbee	145.00
Clarence A. Wetherbee, overseer of the Poor	10.00
John M. Webster, treasurer	40.00
Cyrus F. Marston, town clerk	35.00
Cyrus F. Marston, automobile permits	43.27
N. W. Goldsmith, moderator	5.00
H. R. Finerty, election day	3.00
George E. Gillingham, auditor	3.00
Walter I. Martin, auditor	3.00
John H. Robie, auditor	3.00
N. W. Goldsmith, collecting bal. 1922 tax	33.40
N. W. Goldsmith, collecting part 1923 tax	125.00
Leon I. Richardson, supervisor	6.00
E. P. Jones, supervisor	6.00
Total	$770.67

Town Hall

Paid—

A. E. Leighton, sawing wood	$ 4.50
Geo. E. Gillingham, wood	10.00
W. W. Lane, janitor service	25.00
Clarence Wetherbee, repairing furnace door and water system	11.80
W. W. Lane, labor on stage	7.50

Paid—

Geo. E. Gillingham, wood for hall	30.00
A. E. Leighton, sawing wood for hall	7.50
C. H. Edwards, six cords of wood	69.00
Clarence Wetherbee, labor on water and lighting system	3.00
John M. Webster, Acetyline burner	5.00
A. E. Leighton, fitting wood for hall	5.00
H. W. Ray, new furnace	265.00
J. R. Edwards, contract paper for hall	7.00
W. W. Lane, janitor services and supplies	128.25
A. H. Wilcomb, supplies for hall	10.12
W. S. Wells, supplies for hall	.74
C. A Wetherbee, labor on gas machine	1.00
Total	$590.41

Police Department

Paid—

H. R. Finerty, police services	$13.67
W. P. Jones, O'Mara case	4.90
H. R. Finerty, police services	3.00
Harry G. Estes, police services	4.75
H. W. Ray, trip to Halls Village with car	3.00
Total	$29.32

Pine Tree Blister

Paid—

John M. Webster	$200.00
John M. Webster	50.00

Printing

Paid—

John M. Webster, printing check list	$ 28.50
John M. Webster, printing town reports	176.50

Paid—

John M. Webster, printing	5.46
John M. Webster, tax bills	6.00
John M .Webster, printing	5.64
John M. Webster, printing	7.50
Total	$229.60

Town Officers Expenses

H. W. Ray	$78.22
John M. Webster	6.00

Fire Dept.

Fred Martin, watching fire at Roger Edwards farm	$6.00

Abatements Refunded

Paid—

John A. Hazelton heirs	$ 7.80
Julia E. Sanborn, refund	10.00
Julia E. Sanborn, over 70 years	5.00
N. W. Goldsmith, abatement on 1922 tax	184.80
Total	$207.60

Old Town Hall

Paid—

Clarence A. Wetherbee	$28.78

Health Department

Paid—

W. I. Martin	$35.00

Wiring Old Town Hall and Public Library

Paid—

Clarence A. Wetherbee	$60.92

Two Hundredth Celebration of Chester

Paid—

H. W. Ray, balance on Wiggin acct.	$113.73

Mowing Town Lawns

Paid—

Walter E. Leighton	$10.00
Arthur Leighton	4.00

Cemeteries

Paid—

Robert Hazelton	$13.00

Interest

Paid—

W. N. Colby, interest on note	$ 85.00
C. F. Marston, interest on Trust notes	63.32

Temporary Loans

Paid—

W. N. Colby, note paid in full	$1,700.00

Memorial Day Exercises

Paid—

Bell Post No. 74	$50.00

Discounts on Taxes

Paid—

N. W. Goldsmith	$248.64

Running Town Line with Raymond, Fremont, Sandown, Candia, Auburn.

Paid—

H. W. Ray	$33.00
Roger P. Edwards	13.50
Clarence Wetherbee	16.50

Hearse

Paid—

A. L. Warren, care and attendance of Hearse	$40.00

Libraries

Paid—

Leroy D. Morse	$175.00

Town Road Maintenance

Report of R. P. Edwards

Paid—	
W. B. Wason	$76.46
W. N. Colby	75.83
George Pettigrew	58.50
Fred Martin	39.33
Geo. Scribner	19.50
R. P. Edwards	33.84
A. F. B. Edwards	2.10
Joseph Craig	32.83
O. Robie	3.00
Justin Creamer	18.00
Jay Marden	10.33
Leon Simonds	6.00
Bernard Wason	12.00
L. B. Lane	12.00
Alfred Carr	2.33
H. C. Edwards	1.50
S. E. Ray	2.50
	$406.05

State Aid Maintenance

Report of R. P. Edwards

Paid W. N. Colby	$107,62
Geo. Pettigrew	18.78
William Finnegan	8.30
F. Martin	46.01
R. P. Edwards	29.68
F. M. Morse	.30
J. Craig	12.00
A. F. B. Edwards	.40
C. Smith	2.90
	$225.99

State Aid Maintenance.

Report of J. H. Robie, agent.

Paid W. N. Colby	$69.92
Geo. S. Whittemore	35.00
J. H. Robie	56.64
Fred Martin	18.34
F. L. Robinson	20.33
Thos. Cook	13.00
L. D. Morse	42.12
Geo. Pettigrew	19.50
E. C. Chase	1.67
F. M. Morse, gravel	3.40
Mrs. F. B. Boyles, gravel	2.10
	$282.02

New Road

Paid—	
W. N. Colby	76.55
Thos. Cook	54.33
Fred I. Martin	48.33
F. L. Robinson	75.50
J. H. Robie	117.49
Geo. S. Whittemore	38.17
W. Finnigan	50.56
L. D. Morse	62.11
Geo. Pettigrew	45.50
Warren Carr	27.00
W. B. Stowe	21.75
Chas. Cammett	14.00
Harry Roberts	15.00
Geo. S. Webster, gravel	9.60
Roger P. Edwards, lumber	116.04
Martin Mills, lumber	27.04
J. H. Robie, posts	59.70
H. W. Ray, cement	14.30
Webster Bros., nails	3.78
	$1,158.77

Town Road Maintenance

Report of J. H. Robie, agent.

Paid W. B. Wason	$ 9.75
Bernard Wason	2.17
W. N. Colby	62.25
John H. Robie	15.07
Fred Martin	9.67
Geo. S. Whittemore	9.67
F. Robinson	9.67
L. D. Morse	20.95
Geo. Pettigrew	2.53
Chas. Cook	4.17
	$145.90

Miscellaneous

Paid John M. Webster, Wales Adding Machine	$98.00
Roger P. Edwards, rubber stamps	1.78
John M. Webster, school signs	5.00
A. H. Wilcomb, postage, stamps, etc.	7.19
A. H. Wilcomb, express	.85
A. H. Wilcomb, postage	1.03
Webster Bros., nails, etc	1.62
H. W. Ray, legal advice	3.00
Total	$118.52
State Tax	$1,426.00
County Tax	1,722.39
Special Poll Taxes for 1922	758.00
Special Poll Taxes for 1923	468.00

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid—

Rockingham County, board of Frank Weymouth:	
From Nov. 1, 1922 to Feb. 1, 1923	$65.00
A. C. Sanders, board for G. H. Dane:	
From Jan. 27, to March 31,	45.00
From March 31, to April 28	20.00
Warren Carr, feed and care of 2 tramps	2.00
Mary F. West, feed and care of 2 tramps	1.00
A. C. Sanders, board of Geo. H. Dane:	
from April 28 to May 26	20.00
C. A. Wetherbee, feed and care 3 tramps	3.00
A. C. Sanders, board for Geo. H. Dane:	
from May 26 to June 30	25.00
from June 30 to July 28	20.00
from July 28 to August 23	30.00
Rockingham County, board for Frank Weymouth:	
from Feb. 1, to Aug. 1	130.00
C. P. Hunt, board of Mary Hatch:	
from May 26, to Aug. 11	55.00
A. C. Sanders, board for Geo. H. Dane,	
from Aug. 25 to Sept. 29.	25.00
from Sept. 29 to Oct. 27	20.00
from Oct. 27 to Nov. 24	20.00
Rockingham County, board for Frank Weymouth:	
from Aug. 1 to Nov. 1	65.00
A. C. Sanders, board for Geo. H. Dane,	
from Nov. 24 to Dec. 29	25.00

Rockingham County, board for Frank Weymouth:	
from Nov. 1, to Jan. 1	42.84
A. C. Sanders, board for Geo. H. Dane, from Dec. 29 to Jan. 26	20.00
Clarence A. Wetherbee, transportation of Mary Hatch to County Farm	3.00
Total	$626.84

CLARENCE A. WETHERBEE,
Overseer of the Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 13, 1924.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1924, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

GEORGE E. GILLINGHAM,
WALTER I. MARTIN,
JOHN H. ROBIE,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

ON JANUARY 31st 1924

Date of Creation	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation All trust funds should be reported separately giving name of fund and donor	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Bal. of Inc. on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS, FOR THE CARE OF FAMILY LOTS IN THE CEMETERY							
May 3, 1904	The John W. Noyes Fund, given by will	U.S. Bonds	$300.00	4¼	$ 8.03	$12.99	$ 7.75	$ 13.27
Feb. 16 1905	The Jonathan Pressey Fund, given by will	"	45.20	4¼	6.84	2.11	1.55	7.40
Mar. 15, 1906	The William W. White Fund, given by will	"	75.00	4¼	13.02	3.58	3.60	13.00
Dec. 23, 1908	The Luther W. Hall Fund, given by Luther W. Hall	"	100.00	4¼	5.27	4.40	2.00	7.67
Dec. 24, 1908	The Edmund Sleeper Fund, given by heirs.	"	45.00	4¼	2.37	1.98	1.40	2.95
June 17, 1909	The Hannah M. Williams Fund, given by Hannah M Williams.	"	50.00	4¼	12.95	2.50	2.20	13.25
Feb. 15, 1910	The George W. Stevens Fund, given by will	"	339.80	4¼	90.05	17.14	6.80	100.39
Aug. 23, 1910	The Sarah A. True Fund	"	75.00	4¼	11.61	3.53	3 55	11 59
Aug. 23, 1910	The Henry Moore Fund, given by Emma M. Moore	"	60 00	4¼	.60	2.56	1 95	1.21
July 7, 1911	The Samuel S. Parker Fund, given by Samuel S. Parker	"	40.00	4¼	2.24	1.76	2.30	1.70
Oct. 3, 1911	The Charles A. Dearborn Fund, given by will	"	100.00	4¼	.01	4.25	3.70	.56
Oct. 11, 1911	The Rev. Charles Tenney Fund, given by Mrs Mary E. Tenney	"	100.00	4¼	12.60	4.64	2.30	14.94
June 3, 1912	The Lot Knowles Fund, given by heirs	"	50.00	4¼	.72	2.15	2.00	,87
Oct. 31, 1914	The Cynthia J. Brown Fund, given by will	"	50.00	4¼	1.11	2.15	2.00	1.26
Aug, 30 1916	The John Hazelton Fund, given by Susan Hazelton	"	160.00	4¼	7.57	4.47	2.00	10.04
Nov. 25, 1916	The Charles H Knowles Fund, given by Charles H. Knowles.	"	50.00	4¼	------	2.13	2.10	.03
Feb. 16, 1917	The Charles Stevens Fund, given by will	"	60.00	4¼	5.33	2.71	2 00	6.04
Aug. 25, 1917	The Oren F. Page Fund, given by Mary A. Byard	"	40.00	4¼	1.03	1.73	2.00	.76
Sept. 29, 1917	The Hills Stevens Fund, given by Lydia A. Newell	"	50.00	4¼	.98	2.14	2.00	1.12
Nov. 1, 1917	The David Lane Fund given by Sarah E. Lane	"	70.00	4¼	6.26	3.15	2.20	7.21
Jan. 31, 1918	The Caroline M. Hall Fund, given by will	"	50.00	4¼	3.27	2.21	1.40	4.08
Jan. 31, 1918	The George L. Converse Fund, given by will	"	50.00	4¼	.31	2.13	1.65	,79
May 25, 1918	The Albert Knippie Fund, given by will	Town Note	100.00	3½	2.93	3.58	5.30	1.21

June 29,	1913	The Sarah U. Lane Fund, given by will	Town Note	$200.00	3½	$ 22.52	$ 7.67	$ 3.90	$ 26.29
Mar. 26,	1919	The Parker Morse Fund, given by Clarence O. Morse	U.S. Bonds	50.00	4¼	.05	2.12	2.17	
Mar. 26,	1919	The George Marden Fund, given by Clarence O. Morse	"	50.00	"	3.58	2.22	2.35	3.45
Apr. 15,	1919	The John West Fund, given by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.67	1.77	1.75	.69
Apr. 15,	1919	The Joseph Knowles Fund	"	100.00	"	3.18	3.59	2.30	4.47
Apr. 15,	1919	The Robert and Rebecca Knowles Fund	"	100.00	"	4.43	3.63	2.40	5.66
Jan. 31,	1920	The John W. West, 2nd., Fund, given by will	"	50.00	"		1.75	1.75	
Jan. 31,	1920	The Elizabeth I. Kent Fund, given by will	"	100.00	"	3.44	3.60	2.25	4.79
May 1,	1920	The Village Cemetery Fund, given by Clarence O. Morse	U.S. Bonds	1000.00	4¼	122.87	46.18	16.73	152.32
Apr. 30,	1921	The Page Reed Smith Fund, given by Josephine N. Lovering	Town Note	80.00	3½	.87	2.82	1.30	2.39
Apr. 30,	1921	The Sally Lovering Sleeper Fund	"	40.00	"	.35	1.41	1.60	.16
June 28,	1921	The Joseph Dane Fund given by Nellie E. Dane	"	50.00	"	1.29	1.78	1.55	1.52
Nov. 26,	1921	The Mary E. Bean Fund, given by will	"	50.00	"	.80	1.77	1.90	.67
May 27,	1922	The John S. Emery Fund, given by Richard S. Emery	"	100.00	"	2.62	3.57	3.50	2.69
Sept. 30,	1922	The George Wells Fund, given by Carrie L. Warren	"	100.00	"	1.16	3.53	2.65	2.04
Oct. 3,	1922	The Amos Green Fund, given by Charles H. Green	"	100.00	"	1.13	3.53	1.60	3.06
Oct. 3,	1922	The Charles H. Green Fund, given by Charles H. Green	"	100.00	"	1.13	3.53	1.70	2.96
Mar. 31,	1923	The Silas F. Learnard Fund, given by Martha T. Learnard	"	100.00	"		2.91	2.00	.91
May 3,	1923	The Samuel S. Warren Fund, given by Orpha A. Warren	"	50.00	"		1.31	1.05	.26
Nov. 30,	1923	The Mark Sanborn Fund, given by Heirs	"	50.00	"		.29		.29
Nov. 30,	1923	The Moses S. Pingree Fund, given by will	"	100.000	"		.58		.58
Dec. 22,	1923	The Herbert W. Robie Fund	"	50.00	"				
Jan. 31,	1923	The Daniel Bell Fund, given by will	"	100.00	"				
						$365.19	$189.55	$118.20	$436.54

Feb. 15. 1910 The George W. Stevens. Library Trust Fund given by will;
The Principal—$339.80—is invested in Town Note, at 3 1-2 per cent. per annum. The income $11.89, is paid to the Library Trustees.

The WILCOMB HOME FUND, given by Mary J. Wilcomb, to establish in Chester, a Home for Destitute Old Ladies.

Invested as follows:

Deposited in Manchester Savings Bank, Manchester, N. H.	$3064 93
Deposit in Amoskeag Savings Bank, Manchester, N. H.	$3475 44
Deposit in Merrimack River Savings Bank, Manchester, N. H.	$1419 78
United States Bonds, Registered, at 4 1-2 per cent	$2000 00
	$11,960 15

Chester, N. H., Feb. 13th, 1924.

We hereby certify, that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds, of Chester for the year ending January, 31st, 1924, and Find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

GEORGE E. GILLINGHAM,
WALTER I. MARTIN,
JOHN H. ROBIE,
} AUDITORS.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books added to the Library in 1923	158
Purchased with town money	60
Purchased with fines	8
Given	90
Number of books taken out during the year	5145
Largest number taken out in any one day, Jan. 20	95
Smallest number, Oct. 3.	10
Average for each library day	51
Per cent of fiction read	81
Per cent of non-fiction read	19
Number of new cards issued	24

Dr.

Money received in fines	$ 9.22
Balance on hand from 1922	1.95
	$11.17

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Expended for books and needed supplies	$9.33
Cash on hand to balance	1.84
	$11.17

Mr. Arthur Allen gives the Popular Science Monthly.

Miss Lucia Russell copies of the Atlantic, Mrs. Frank Allen the Nautilus, and Our Dumb Animals, Tycos. the Dearborn Independent, the organ of the Anti-Saloon League, and How to Sell come regularly as gifts from the publishers.

Books have been given by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. French, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Watkins, Miss Adelia Freeman, Miss Helen E. Gage, the Gilson estate, Good Housekeeping, American Woolen Company, W. N. Roundy, American Committee of Relief in Ireland, and

the State Department.

There have been five unusual features during the past year; the library was closed twice on account of terrific snow storms; the unusual number of books given; a successful "Vacation Reading" class of fifteen members in the summer; at the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Library Association in September your librarian was awarded the State Meeting scholarship for the "most excellent service performed in any town in the state where the population was under 2000;" and the installation of electric lights in the library. There are now 3934 catalogued books.

ISABELLE H. FITZ,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CHESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts

1923		
Feb. 1.	Balance from last year	$ 3.79
June 8	Received from town	75.00
July 28	Received from town	50.00
Dec. 29.	Received from town	50.00
1924		
Jan. 31.	Received from C. F. Marston, Int. on Stevens Fund	11.89
		$190.68

Expenditures

1923		
June 10.	Paid Isabelle H. Fitz, Magazines bought of John Wilson	$ 25.25
June 10.	Paid Jennie A. Heath, janitor service to May 12	7.25

June 30.	Paid Isabelle H. Fitz, part salary	20.00
Aug. 1.	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, freight	.25
Aug. 30.	Paid W. P. Goodman, books	35.89
Sept. 28.	Paid Library Book House, books	7.25
Nov. 16.	Paid A. E. Leighton, sawing wood	1.25
Nov. 23.	Paid A. F. Healey, 1-2 cord wood	4.50
Nov. 29.	Paid G. E. Gillingham, 1-2 cord slabs	2.50
1924		
Jan. 1.	Paid Isabelle H. Fitz, part salary	20.00
31.	Paid Jennie A. Heath, janitor's service	4.50
25.	Paid Library book House, Books	27.74
31.	Paid W. P. Goodman, books	7.98
31.	Cash to balance	26.32
		$190.68

Chester, N. H., Feb. 13, 1924.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Leroy D. Morse, treasurer of the trustees, of the Free Public Library, for the year ending January 31, 1924, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

GEORGE E. GILLINGHAM,
WALTER I. MARTIN,
JOHN H. ROBIE.
Auditors.

Town of Chester, Franklin O. French Memorial field in account with William T. Owen, treasurer from Oct. 31, 1918, to Jan. 31, 1924.

Receipts

From Mr. French		$ 100.00
From Town of Chester		250.00
1918	Sale of apples	3.00
	Sale Standing grass	17.00
	Sale Second crop	7.00
1919	Sale of Apples	15.00
	Sale of Standing grass	3.00
	Sale of second crop	3.00
1920	Sale of Standing grass	10.00
	Sale of Apples and Second crop	2.00
1921	Standing grass	10.00
1922	Sale of Standing grass	10.00
	Sale of Apples	1.00
1923	Sale of Standing grass	10.00
		$441.00

Expenditures

Oct. 31.	1917, 68 white spruce trees, Dows	$30.60
Apr. 27	1918, Labor on field, Lewis	160.13
June 18.	1918, Grass seed, Wilcomb	3.40
June 26.	1919, Labor on field, Finnigan	18.00
27.	Labor on field, Hanson	7.04
27.	Labor on field, Holman	15.00
27	Labor on field, Healey	12.00
28	Labor on field, Morse	43.33
30	Labor on field, Lewis	14.50
July 7	Labor on field, Owen	30.00
23	Labor on field, Cammett	3.33
	Labor on field, Owen	3.33
Sept. 1,	1919, Labor and material, Lewis	33.69
Jan. 1.	1923, clearing field for celebration Lewis	30.00
		$404.35
	Cash in Bank to balance	36.65
		$441.00

Chester, N. H., Feb. 13, 1924

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Wm. T. Owen, treasurer of F. O. French Memoral field and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

GEO. E. GILLINGHAM,
WALTER I. MARTIN,
JOHN H. ROBIE.

Auditors.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

The income of all the several Cemetery Trust Funds have been expended in accordance with the directions of the Donors.

For details,—See the Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

THE LAW IS, That the interest and income, of all Trust Funds shall be expended as the Donors direct, and for no other purpose Whatever.

THE AMOS T. FRENCH CEMETERY "TRUST"

LANDS

Account.

1923.—Receipts.		
Feb. 13.	Cash balance on hand	$ 270.62
	Accrued Interest,	15.21
Burial lots sold		
June 10.	William F. Warren, Lot No. 57	12.00
June 16.	Chester P. Greenough, Lot No. 24,	12.00
Sept. 21.	Valeria A. & Edward A. Towle Lot No. 59	12.00
Apples sold		6.00
		$327.83
1924—Expenditures		
Feb. 13.	Paid Robert H. Hazelton, for work on Cemetery land	$16.05
	Paid, Cyrus F. Marston, for making Deeds, laying out lots, etc.	5.00
	Cash balance	$306.78
		$327.83

JOHN D. FISKE,
CLARENCE O. MORSE,
ROBERT H. HAZELTON.
Trustees.

AUTOMOBILE PERMITS

The following is a true account of Automobile Permits issued in Chester, between January 31st, 1923, and January 31st, 1924, with the number, and amounts collected and paid into the Town Treasury.

Date	No	Amount
1923		
Mar. 31,	13	$ 46.38
Apr. 30.	58	390.99
May 31.	14	72.99
June 30.	5	35.91
July 31.	2	7.76
Aug. 31.	4	16.07
Sept. 29.	8	52.63
Oct. 31.	4	8.66
1924		
Jan. 31.	39	192.28
		$823.66

Attest:— CYRUS F. MARSTON, Town Clerk.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 13, 1924.

We hereby certify, that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

GEORGE E. GILLINGHAM,
WALTER I. MARTIN,
JOHN H. ROBIE.

Auditors.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Mary W. Goldsmith, Chairman Walter Tenney,
Rev. Silas N. Adams

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

Vincent Gatto, A. B. LL. B., Raymond, N. H.

Teacher	School
Ruth Webster	Grammar
Sarepta Pinfold	Primary
Laura Colman	Towle

To the Chester School Board:—

Herewith I have the honor to present my third annual school report for the year 1923-1924.

The chief items of interest which occurred last spring, from my point of view, are the giving of standardized tests by me personally, and graduation last June.

The tests were given in every school, and consisted of the following subjects: Arithmetic, Spelling, and Language. Similar tests are given in all the modern school systems in the country. These tests are devised by educational experts who, thru scientific investigation know exactly what the pupils of every grade should know and do. The results of such tests are a good indicator of both achievement and failure. I am glad to report that the Chester pupils gave evidence of satisfactory accomplishment.

Last spring Chester had a large number of graduates. The event was observed with suitable exercises

in the town hall. Commissioner E. W. Butterfield of Concord was the speaker of the occasion.

It is a pleasure to report that all the graduates with possibly one or two exceptions have entered high schools. They are all doing good work in their respective schools.

No changes have occurred on the teaching force for the last two years. This reflects credit both on the town and the teachers. All your teachers are good. They are hard workers, anxious to make themselves of utmost usefulness to the community.

After the task of furnishing the various schools with books and supplies was accomplished during the fall term, I continued the work begun last spring in the way of standardized tests in all the schools. The test used was the Stanford Achievement Test which, measures ability in; Paragraph meaning; Sentence meaning; Word meaning; Arithmetic computation and reasoning; Nature Study and Science; History and Literature; Language usage; and Spelling. After the tests were scored I talked over the results of every pupil with the teachers. The purpose of this was to discuss the points of weakness as shown by the tests, in order that both teacher and pupil might cooperate in bringing the child up to grade.

As a result of the tests in many cases we have reclassified the pupils. In some cases pupils have been put ahead, in others put back. I find that some pupils have been promoted too rapidly. This was shown by the fact that a considerable number of children know enough for their age but not enough for their grade. Taken as a whole the Chester children, like the children of other towns in this supervisory union, do their best work in Arithmetic, and their poorest in Reading. Similar tests will be given in the spring. Then by comparing the results we will have some basis of com-

parison, and be able to determine what has and what has not been accomplished. This method of procedure will give us facts upon which to base our ideas and judgments given to the public regarding the proficiency of our schools. On the evidence of the examinations given in the fall I can state that the majority of the Chester children are up to grade, and that at least ninety-five percent of the ones who are not now, will be up to grade by next spring.

The Primary and Grammar school buildings should be improved in order to meet the minimum requirements for efficient school work. The greatest needs are: remodelling the school rooms so as to let the light go in from the back and the left of the room; slate black boards; jacketed stoves; and adjustable seats and desks. It is injurious to the health of a child having to sit for hours at a time, five days in the week, thirty-six weeks in the year, for at least eight years of his life, with his feet dangling several inches from the floor or, so cramped in his seat, that he cannot stir. Such are the conditions at the present time in the two schools named above. What has been said concerning adjustable seats, heating, and black boards, applies to the Towle school as well. Appropriations should be made to at least improve one building a year for the next two or three years. These additions are not luxurious but necessities.

In order to reap any benefits from the annual medical inspection it behooves every parent with children having physical defects to heed the doctor's advice for the physical improvement of the child. A parent who allows a child to grow up with defective breathing, poor eye sight, distorted limbs, and so forth, is guilty of an unpardonable sin.

Every parent who keeps his child at home when the child should be in school, is teaching a poor lesson

in citizenship, and at the same time depriving the child of his birthright.

Enough cases of small pox occur throughout the state every year, not to mention the rest of the country. which ought to make a parent hesitate, before sending his children to a crowded school room, without first having received the benefit of vaccination.

Training children for citizenship is the greatest and most sacred national industry. Every worthy citizen will respond with head, heart, and hand, for the upbuilding of that greater America of the future; the hope of humanity.

I am thankful for the harmony which has existed during the past year among the members of the school board, and the superintendent, for the loyal response to duty of every teacher, and for the happy and smiling faces of the Chester children.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT GATTO,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR 1922-1923.

One Term:

Daniel Cole
Maurice Colman
Lena Levesque
Lillian Levesque
Raymond Noyes
Dorothy Smith
Malcolm Wells
Frances Armstrong
Eric Browning
Frances Estes
Chester Parker
Irene Spofford
Chester Towle

Two Terms:

Oscar Lovering
Cecil Scribner
Charles Morse
William Sugden
Marion West

Three Terms:

Lois B. Hazelton
Burleigh Wheldon

VINCENT GATTO, Supt. of Schools.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1923.

School	Enrollment	Per cent Attendance	Tardinesses	Days lost	Supt's visits.
Primary	29	89	97	17	23
Grammar	33	94	43	17 1-2	23
Towle	27	90	50	17 1-2	17

VINCENT GATTO, Supt. of Schools.

HEALTH SUPERVISION

DISTRICT SUMMARY

District Chester. Approximate date of Examination, Sept. 1923. Examiner J. C. Tappan, M. D., Number examined: Pupils 83. Not Present 2.

No. of cases found by examiner:	
Malnutrition	35
Defective vision	18
Defective hearing	7
Nervous disease	2
Cardiac disease	3
Orthopedic defects	1
Defective teeth	60
Hypertrophied tonsils	46
Adenoids	22
Defects of breathing	1
Enlarged glands	4
Unvaccinated	15
Unvaccinated (without proper excuse)	15
No. notices sent to parents by examiner.	
Malnutrition	35
Defective vision	13
Defective hearing	7
Nervous disease	1
Defective teeth	60
Hypertrophied tonsils	42
Adenoids	22
Unvaccinated	15
Unvaccinated (without proper excuse)	15
No. cases treated since last examination:	
Malnutrition	1
Defective vision	1
Defective teeth	7
Hypertrophied tonsils	1
Adenoids	1

VINCENT GATTO,
Superintendent of School.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922, and ending June 30, 1923.

Cash on hand July 1, 1922	$355.16
Received from State, State Aid	1,103.10
Interest on Brown Fund	212.50
From Town	6,001.10
Dog licenses	181.67
	$7,853.53
For support of elementary schools	4,016.10
For High school tuition	1,200.00
Repairs and New Equipment	150.00
Excess salary of Superintendent and expense	250.00
Salaries of District Officers	135.00
Per capita tax for State Supervision	250.00
	6,001.10

For the Year Ending June 30, 1923.

Payments

Salaries of District Officers	$ 129.00
Superintendent's excess salary	224.00
Enumeration of Pupils	5.00
Expense of administration	18.32
Teachers' salaries	2,599.92
Text books	57.57
Scholars supplies	82.35
Flags and appurtenances	17.13
Other expenses of instruction	3.28
Janitor's services	99.75
Fuel	132.90
Janitor's supplies	11.37

Repairs	110.79
Medical inspection	40.00
Transportation of pupils	1345.50
High school tuition	1703.50
Per capita tax for State supervision	248.00
Cash to balance June 30, 1923	1025.15
Total	$7853.53

Expenditures from July 1, 1923 to January 31, 1924

Teacher's salaries

Ruth N. Webster	$500.00
Laura C. Colman	472.20
Sarepta Pinfold	472.20
	$1444.40

Janitor's services

Sarepta Pinfold, sweeping	$10.00
Maurice G. Colman, sweeping and building fires	20.92
Alice M. Fenerty, sweeping	4.00
Oscar M. Lovering Jr., sweeping	2.00
Laura C. Colman, sweeping	2.00
Forrest C. Healey, sweeping and building fires	10.00
Burleigh Wheldon, building fires	10.79
	$59.71

High School Tuition

Jan. 2. Pinkerton Academy, Fall term	$636.00

Transportation of Pupils

Sept. 28. Mrs. Oscar Lovering	$22.50
Sept. 28 Mrs. H. R. Fenerty	39.60
Sept. 29 Walter W. Lane	36.00
Oct. 1 Mrs. John Hull	18.00

Oct. 11	W. P. Tenney	54.00
Oct. 29.	Mrs. Oscar Lovering	23.75
Oct. 29	Walter W. Lane	36.00
Nov. 1	Mrs. H. R. Fenerty	48.40
Nov. 1	Mrs. John Hull	21.00
Nov. 26	Mrs. Oscar Lovering	25.00
Nov. 27	Walter W. Lane	42.00
Nov. 27	Mrs. H. R. Fenerty	37.40
Nov. 28.	Walter P. Tenney	61.00
Dec. 4	Mrs. John Hull	17.00
Dec. 24	Mrs. H. R. Fenerty	33.00
Dec. 24	Walter W. Lane	30.00
1924		
Jan. 2	Mrs. Oscar Lovering	18.75
Jan. 2	Mrs. John Hull	15.00
Jan. 26	Walter W. Lane	38.00
Jan. 29	Mrs. Oscar Lovering	21.25
Jan. 31	Walter P. Tenney	74.00
Jan. 31	Mrs. H. R. Fenerty	46.20
Jan. 31	Mrs. John Hull	22.00
		$779.85

Minor Repairs

Sept. 25	Leon G. Simonds, cleaning Grammar and Primary	$5.50
Sept. 28	Farish G. Lewis Lumber and work on shelves and moving seats	19.43
Nov. 17	C. A. Wetherbee Labor and material at Towle school	1.50
Nov. 27	Walter W. Lane Repairing platform at Primary	3.60
Nov. 30	Charles A. Morse Clearing up school yard	.75
Dec. 15	Alice L. Towle Cleaning schoolhouse	3.50

Dec. 24.	H. R. Fenerty, Painting blackboards		2.00
Dec. 31	Wayland S. Berry, Painting blackboards		3.00
1924			
Jan. 24	Leroy D. Morse, cleaning vaults		3.00
Jan. 31	N. W. Goldsmith, repairs on windows at Primary		1.25
			$43.53

Rebuilding chimney at Primary School

Sept. 25	Leon G. Simonds, labor		$44.00
Sept. 28	F. G. Lewis		
	Cutting holes for chimney and thimble, shingling and cutting lumber brackets		20.59
Oct. 11	W. P. Tenney, stove pipe and elbow		1.55
Oct. 26	Herbert W. Ray, materials and expense		48.16
	32 ft. flue lining	16.00	
	2 bags cement	2.40	
	2 bbls. lime	5.20	
	80 in. sheet lead	2.35	
	Trip to Manchester with truck	6.00	
	Delivering brick	5.00	
	Thimble	3.00	
	267 second hand brick	8.01	
	Telephoning	.20	
		$48.16	
Oct. 29	Leslie B. Walton		
	Building chimney and plastering schoolroom		64.00
Oct. 31	George W. Benson		
	Quarter round finish and 1 bbl. lime		3.32
Nov. 10	N. W. Goldsmith		
	200 ft. sq.-edged boards		4.00

Nov. 30	Leroy D. Morse	
	Labor, sand and rocks	3.20
Oct. 31	W. B. Wason, 2nd hand bricks	3.60
Sept. 12	A. H. Wilcomb	
	Lime, pails, screen, nails and express	3.97
	Total cost of chimney	$196.39

Fuel

1923		
Sept. 24	Arthur E. Leighton, Sawing 12 cords wood	$15.00
Oct. 2	Henry D. Mills, 4 cords for Towle school	38.00
Oct. 27	G. E. Gillingham, 6 cords slabs	30.00
Oct. 29	Sarepta Pinfold, housing wood	2.00
Oct. 31	W. B. Wason, 8 cords for Grammar and Primary	76.00
Dec. 8	Maurice G. Colman, housing wood	2.50
1924		
Jan. 12	Forrest C. Healey, sawing and housing wood	10.00
		173.50

Text Books

1923		
Sept. 25	The MacMillan Co.	$12.29
Sept. 25	Haughton, Mifflin & Co.	2.93
Sept. 25	Silver Burdett & Co.	18.63
Sept. 27	Benj. H. Sanborn	1.67
Oct. 20	F. A. Owen Co.	2.52
Oct. 20	Silver Burdett & Co.	2.10
Oct. 25	World Book Co.	21.15
Oct. 26	The MacMillan Co.	5.50

Nov. 22	Guinn & Co.	10.74
1924		
Jan. 29	D. C. Heath & Co.	1.35
Jan. 29	Silver Burdette & Co.	1.34
		$80.27

Scholars' Supplies

1923		
Sept. 27	Milton Bradley	$10.08
Oct. 20	Kenney Bros. & Walkins	81.65
Oct. 20	J. L. Hammett	.71
		$92.44

Janitors' Supplies

1924		
Jan. 31	George L. Fitts	2.50
Jan. 31	A. H. Wilcomb	3.10
		$5.60

Flags and Appurtenances

1923		
Nov. 17	C. A. Wetherbee, repairing flag staff	2.00
1924		
Jan. 31	A. H. Wilcomb, flag rope and screws	.85
		$2.85

Medical Inspection

1923		
Oct. 4	J. C. Tappan M. D.	$42.50

Superintendent's salary

1922		
Nov. 23	George E. Farrand, State Treas.	$224.00
Nov. 23	State Treasurer, Per capita tax	264.00

Dec. 6	A. H. Wilcomb, Insurance	107.50
1924		
Jan. 23	A. H. Wilcomb, Insurance	25.00
		$132.50

Expense of Administration

1923	Discharge and promotion cards	$1.84
Oct. 2	One fifth expense of superintendent's office	9.25
1924		
Jan. 31	Mary W. Goldsmith Stationery, postage, freight on supplies, etc.	3.00
		$14.09

District Offier's Salaries

1924		
Jan. 31	Mary W. Goldsmith	$50.00
Jan. 31	Walter P. Tenney	45.00
Jan. 31	Silas N. Adams	40,00
Jan. 31	Mary W. Goldsmith, secretary	15.00
Jan. 31	Emma M. Moore, Treasurer	10.00
Jan. 31	E. P. Jones, Truant officer, taking census	12.00
Jan. 31	E. P. Jones, census cards for enumeration	1.05
Jan. 31	Leroy D. Morse, Auditor	3.00
Jan. 31	Leroy D. Morse, Clerk	1.00
		$177.05
	Total expense	$4368.68

Financial Statement

Receipts from July 1, 1923 to January 31, 1924	$7935.93
Expenditures from July 1, 1923 to January 31, 1924	4368.68
Balance on hand January 31, 1924	$3567.25

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. GOLDSMITH,
WALTER P. TENNEY,
SILAS N. ADAMS,
School Board.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the School Board of the School District of the Town of Chester and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

LEROY D. MORSE,
Auditor

TOWN OF CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

In Account with

EMMA M. MOORE, DISTRICT TREASURER.

July 1, 1923 to January 31, 1924

Receipts

1923		
July 1.	Balance from last year	$1,025.15
Oct. 27.	Town	2,000.00
1924		
Jan. 12.	State	410.40
Jan. 26.	Town	1,000.00
Jan. 28	Interest on Brown Fund	212.50
Jan. 31.	Dog tax	172.92
Jan. 31.	Town	3,114.96
		$7,935.93
Paid orders of School Board		4,368.68
Balance on hand		$3,567.25

Chester, N. H., Feb. 7, 1924

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Emma M. Moore, Treasurer of the School District of the town of Chester and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

LEROY D. MORSE,
Auditor

Births Registered in the Town of Chester for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Birth	Place of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex & Con. Male or Female.	Sex & Con. Living or Still b	Sex & Con. No. of Child.	Sex & Con. Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
1923										
Jan. 2	Chester..	Russel Lee Healey...	m	1	7	w	Everett F. Healey....	Florrence A. Holland	Chester	Auburn .....
2	....	Gladys F. Lewis.....	f	1	4	w	Lester Jones Lewis ..	Bertha G. Teague ..	.....	Stoneham .....
Mar. 27	....	Bernice E. Simamo.	f	1	3	w	William Simamo	Flossie E. Guyett...	Cornish	Hyde Park, Vt.....
Apr. 10	....	Ruth Lee Beckford ..	f	1	2	w	Waldo L. Beckford..	Hazel L. Pingree....	Melrose, Mass.....	Derry .....
July 18	....	Alfred Warren Carr..	m	1	1	w	Aifred M. Carr	Bessie W. Wentworth	Chester	Plaistow .....
Aug. 1	....	Lee Hector Levesque	m	1	5	w	Joseph Levesque.....	Delia Blanchard.....	Canada	Whiting, Mass.....
Sept. 19	....	Eugene Berry.....	m	1	3	w	Wayland S. Berry....	Alta M. Lawrence....	Vermont	Derry ... .
20	....	Phyllis M. Merrick..	f	1	1	w	Sidney C. Merrick....	Bernice May West....	Danville	Chester .....
Dec. 14	...	Thelma L. Maxwell..	f	1	2	w	Almon A. Maxwell..	Elsie H. Mortenson..	Chester	Gottenburg, Sweden

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married
1923 May 28	Hampstaad	Forest R. Warren	Chester	21	w	Mechanic	Chester	William F. Warren Emma A. Currier	S	TheodoreRadoslavoff Clergyman Hampstead
		Sybal A. Hathaway	Sandown	13	w		Sandown	William C. Hathaway Lavina D. Hook	S	
June 17	Derry	Andrew J. Gordon	Raymond	22	w	Electrician	Raymond	Iosiah Fitz Gordon Rosebell Prescott	S	B. Alfred Dumm Clergyman Derry
		Helen Agnes Warren	Chester	17	w		Chester	William F. Warren Emma A. Currier	S	
Aug. 7	Chester	Richard W. Farnsworth	Lancaster, Mass.	25	w	Salesman	Lancaster, Mass.	Richard Farnsworth Laura E. Wasgate	S	Thomas J. Cate Clergyman Meredith
		Helen D. Mackintosh	Chester	26	w	Physical director	Chester	George Mackintosh Marilla Dunnell	S	
14	Derry	Alfred M. Carr		23	w	Mechanic		Warren M. Carr Charlotte E. McLeod	S	Frederick I. Kelley Clergyman Derry
		Bessie W. Wentworth	Derry	19	w	House keeper	Plaistow	James A. Wentworth Mary L. Wentworth	S	
Oct. 20	Chester	Lester W. Mitchell	Chester	29	w	Farming	Chester	Dwight M. Mitchell Fidelia N. Wells	S	Mark H. Wakefield, Clergyman New Market
		Christia Vena Hunt		24	w		Holderness	Chester P. Hunt Mary B. Palmer	S	

Deaths Registered in the Town of **Chester** for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Year.	Month.	Day.	Place of Birth.	Sex Con Sex.	Color.	Single, etc.	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother
1923												
Jan. 20	Chester	Addison Head	82	7	10	Bradford, Mass	m	w	m	Dairyman	John L. Head	Laura Wyman
29		Martha T. Learnard	72	9	18	Chester	f	w	s	Teacher	Silas F. Learnard	Clara B. Morse
Apr. 7		Hannah Williams	82	6	22		f	w	w	Housewife	Ebenezer Wilcomb	Sophia Wilson
10		Mark Sanborn	83	10			m	w	w	Carpenter	Simon M. Sanborn	Belinda West
21		Charles Henry Green	69		18		m	w	m	Farmer	Amos Green	Sarah A. Mills
Jun. 6	Fremont	Forest R. Warren	21	1	12		m	w	m	Mechanic	William F. Warren	Emma Currier
27	Chester	James W. Towle	71	11	7		m	w	m	Farmer	James Towle	Lucinda York
Aug. 25		Isabell N. Clifford	77		16		f	w	m	Housewife	Samuel W. Edwards	Sarah Underhill
25		Mary E. Neville	35	5		Ashland	f	w	m	Housewife	Henry C. Guilfoile	Mary A. Shiels
29		Albert E. Hall	86	6	15	Windham	m	w	m	Minister	William Hall	Esther Morton
Sept. 18		Buzzell A. Follansbee	82	9	10	Weare	m	w	m	Farmer	Ebenezer Follansbee	Lucenia Barnard
27		Sophronia W. Currier	80	2	27	Exeter	f	w	w	Housewife	Leroy Sanborn	Aurilia Wood
28		Eugene Berry			9	Chester	m	w	s	Infant	Wayland S. Berry	Alta Lawrence
Oct. 8		Etta F. Higgins	74		22	Barrington	f	w	w	Dressmaker	Richard Swain	Sally Sherburn
Nov. 21		Edward Coolidge	86	10	29	Lynn	m	w	w	Farmer	Charles Coolidge	Louise Dilingham

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYRUS MARSTON, *Town Clerk.*

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